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it is a fact that an order has been issued by the Government exempting all commercial establishments situated in the Gandhi Market, Anakapalle (Visakhapatnam district), from the provisions of Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, and if so, why?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" On a representation made by the Anakapalle Merchants' Association, the Government made enquiries and ascertained that in Anakapalle, one of the biggest jaggery exporting centres in the State, the jaggery market opens at about 10 a.m. and closes at about 9 p.m. during the jaggery season (i.e.), from 1st November to the end of April every year. The Government therefore exempted all commercial establishments situated in the Gandhi Market, Anakapalle, from the provisions of section 13 (1) of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, for the period commencing on the 1st November and ending with the 30th April subject to the condition that no commercial establishment shall be opened on any day earlier than 8 a.m. or closed on any day later than 10 p.m. The establishments have not been exempted from any other provisions of the Act."

Fire-fighting engine for Pattukkottai.

*982 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to sanction a fire-fighting engine for Pattukkottai?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

Extensions to Kadiri Hospital building.

*983 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made by the public of Kadiri taluk to the Government for the construction of new hospital buildings and for the extension of the present hospital buildings at Kadiri in Anantapur district for maternity;

(*b*) if so, whether any allotment is provided in the Budget for 1952–53; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 32,300 was provided in the budget for 1952–53, but out of this, a sum of Rs. 32,000 was resumed that year due to curtailment of expenditure on capital works. A provision of Rs. 50,000 has been made in the budget for the current year (1953–54).

" (*c*) Does not arise."